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SUBJ: GREEK COMMUNIST PARTY (KKE) MEMBER CONVICTED
ON ESPIONAGE CHARGE

1. ENGLISH-LANGUAGE ATHENS NEWS FEBRUARY 12 REPORTED
DECISION OF ATHENS COURT MARTIAL PREVIOUS DAY SENTENCING
LEONIDAS TZEFRONIS TO ELEVEN YEARS IMPRISONMENT AS RESULT
HIS CONVICTION ON ESPIONAGE CHARGES. TZEFRONIS WAS
ALLEGED MEMBER OF POLITICAL BUREAU GREEK COMMUNIST PARTY
(INTERIOR BRANCH), WHO FLED GREECE 1949 BUT RETURNED FOR
SHORT PERIOD 1953-1954. DURING LATTER YEAR HE WAS
ARRESTED BUT SUBSEQUENTLY ESCAPED AND ONCE MORE WENT
ABROAD. RETURNING IN 1972, HE WAS AGAIN ARRESTED BUT THE
AUGUST 1973 AMNESTY COVERED HIS ACTIVITIES OF THE PRIOR
YEAR. HOWEVER HIS EARLIER ACTIVITIES DATING FROM PERIOD
1953-1954 WERE NOT COVERED BY AMNESTY AND IT WAS FOR
THOSE ACTS THAT FEBRUARY 11 COURT MARTIAL CONVICTED HIM.

2. TZEFRONIS TRIAL AND CONVICTION NOT REPORTED AS
YET IN EITHER GREEK-LANGUAGE NEWSPAPERS OR RADIO-TV
BROADCASTS. TASCA

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